

**Minutes of the
Board of Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
September 21, 2016

Board members present: Chairman, Roberta Fraser, Jack Marsh, Herbert C. Stephens, Ben Kilanski and Raymond Williams. Also present Water/Sewer Superintendent Rick Meleski, Highway Dale Gray.

First order of business:

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00pm.

Second order of business: Business and minutes

The board reviews the minutes of 9-14-16 for approval. Selectmen Kilanski makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser read a letter from Upton & Hatfield in regards to Kulick's v. Town of Winchester and the Supreme Court upholding the Planning Board decision, granting a site plan approval to SS Baker's Realty Co., LLC. Selectman Fraser added that Dunkin Donuts can proceed.

Budget Committee 1st meeting will be Tuesday October 11, 2016 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Selectman Fraser said the board will need to discuss who will the selectman's rep and cola or review based increases.

Last week the Board and the RED Committee had a work session on how the committee was going to operate. The board was looking into changing the Committee to a Commission and if there are any statues guiding a Commission. The answers is no. Selectman Fraser said it doesn't matter what we call it they are an advisory committee to the board. So we need to meet with RED next week 9/28/16 @6:00pm and go over the committee's roll.

We received a letter from Sara Carbonneau from the Town of Swanzey. Swanzey Economic Development Advisory Committee would like to update us on the "tri-town efforts". They would like to meet soon and discuss possibly working together. Selectman Fraser reads the letter and asked to set up a meeting for next week 9/28/16. Selectman Kilanski would like more information. Selectman Marsh is not sure about giving tax payers money to a non-profit and we have no say at all.

Margaret gave the board a Code Enforcement report update.

Cast sent a letter to the board asking if they could use the Town Hall for their Open House Forum on November 30, 2016 5:30 to 7:30pm. Selectman Kilanski stated that is a Wednesday night, but it's the 5th Wednesday. Selectman Fraser asked if we could see if Cast could pick another night due to it is budget time and we might need to meet.

VFW has submitted a raffle permit for 2/5/17. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve. Selectman Marsh seconds. The motion passes 5-0

Tax Abatement has been received for map 28 lot 48 in the amount of \$446.00. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion passes 4-0

Intent to cut was submitted by Liz & Ruth Tatro on Back Ashuelot Road.
Intent to cut was submitted by Tim Knox on Old Hinsdale Road.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the purchase order for EJ Prescott in the amount of \$2,855.10. Selectman Kilanski seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the Water Capital Reserve PO (EJ Prescott) in the amount of \$7,299.85. Selectman Kilanski seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the Ambulance Billing Fund (Zoll Medical Corp.) in the amount of \$28,745.74. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Kilanski asked about posting no overnight parking on Mechanic Street. Did the board make a motion to post signs? Selectman Fraser yes we did 10pm to 6am. It will need to be enforced. Selectman Williams stated what if we post no parking on 1 side only. Selectman Kilanski said it would be too hard to do it because there are spots on either side where you can park at all. I think we do no overnight parking 10-6. Dale's biggest complaint would be the people who are fixing cars on the street. Selectman Kilanski asked Dale to order the signs. 2 signs one for each end of the road. Selectman Williams thought maybe sending a letter the property owners about the no parking. Selectman Stephens didn't think it was necessary to, but maybe put a note in the tax bills. Selectman Williams adds we also need to let the police department know so they can enforce. Maybe we give a 2-week grace period. Do you need to put in the motion that we will have them towed? Selectman Fraser said no. Selectman Kilanski feels it is legal to have them towed.

Selectman Marsh stated the board needs to review the Town Administrator applications and start the interviewing.

Third order of business Public comment:

Robert Luestek presented the board a sign and asked if we could put up in the pocket park. Selectman Kilanski said he would hang the sign when he moves the trash can.

Michael Coope asked the board if they had thought about maybe setting up an even/odd day on the parking on Mechanic Street. Selectman Kilanski said he had thought about it but it would too hard to keep track of and get to confusing.

Selectman Marsh asked Dale if he had heard from the State (Karl Benedict) about the Cranberry Bog culvert. Dale stated we sent the letter out and have not heard back yet. Selectman Fraser stated the letter was to DES pleading our case and to let us fix it now while there is no water. Selectman Marsh asked what happens if they come back and say no. DES is putting towns in a bad position and it will bankrupt them. If we don't get relief from DES, I will make a motion as a board to file a grievance with the State. It's our right as a municipality. Selectman Stephens feels it's not right that DES has that kind of power over the towns. Selectman Fraser agrees but there are laws and we have to follow them. Selectman Marsh asks is illegal to have unfunded mandates in the State of NH. Is DES over stepping their boundaries and having unfunded mandates on a municipality and holding our block grant money hostage. We can't sit silent any more. We need to go higher up and let them know it's not right.

Selectman Williams asked what does Town Counsel have to say. Selectman Fraser said Bart would say we have to follow the rules until it is changed. Selectman Fraser states that we are not the only town having this issue. So if we want to make a stand we need to get other towns involved. The funding is unequal across the state. They increased the gas tax .04 cents but we don't see any benefit from it. If they oppose our request, we will write a letter and send right to the Governor. If you won't give us funding for the roads, then you cannot mandate how we handle our roads.

Barry Montgomery requests we start work session at 7:00pm. Maybe we should create a committee to work with the Swanzey & Hinsdale tri-state project. Selectman Fraser stated we already do it's the RED Committee. Also having all 3 towns working on safe streets project would work too. We should work with Swanzey because we share RT 10. At the Planning board meeting Lisa Murphy from SRPC was here to talk about the master plan. Her 1st thought of the master plan is to do sections and to start with the transportation piece. My thought was what about housing and where are we going to put housing. Class 5 roads are non developable. Part of the master plan is vision and goals. This would need the cooperation from the Planning Board and the Select Board. An issue that came up at last week's meeting was Mark Tigan was concern that we have limited water and sewer. The Select Board are the water/sewer commission. I have never seen or heard of a meeting for water/sewer commission. My suggest would be to form a commission so we can have a strategy how we can use the water/sewer we already have in place and use it effectively. The lenders and the grant writers they want to see the back ground work done. The issue is if we had more infinitive things in our master plan and town regulations this could help us get money from USDA, community block grants etc. Selectman Fraser asked what is it you are looking to extend the water/sewer? Barry stated no not extend it. We have 100 thousand gallons capacity now and Stone Mt project is projected to use 100 gallons thousand a day when the study was done. When I did the study on 300 houses it would be using 100 thousand gallons. You can't have 2 areas using 200 thousand gallons when you only have the capacity of 100 thousand gallons. Selectman Fraser believes if a large business or a housing development wanted to come to town we would work with them to figure how help them. Just because we haven't had a meeting in a few years or haven't talk about it doesn't mean that we would not work with a corporation. We have to take it as it come. Barry adds that when it comes it's too late then. If the State mandates the master plan has the ideas on how we can be handled before it comes. Selectman Fraser states when someone is looking into coming to a city/town the 1st step is a feasibility study is done. The study is what you need to show the city/town to see if they can meet their needs. The town is not going to go out a pay for all the engineering that needs to be done. Selectman Stephens asks Barry you want to create a committee to have the authority to do the engineering so you don't have to pay for it. Barry states no they need to do it for the town. So now I'm stuck with to boards inability to work together to develop an intelligent master plan.

Dale asked if Ben could help with the removal of the town beach buoys. Ben said he would at the end of October.

Selectman Fraser asked if the sign on the corner by Rite be taken down.

Selectman Fraser remained everyone the Pickle fest is this weekend.

Fourth order of business: Nonpublic under RSA 91:A3II9 (a)(c)(e)

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a)(c)(e), Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion passes 5-0. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually and the board convenes in non-public at 8:05pm.

Fifth order of business: reconvene

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:13 pm.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to seal 1 set of minutes under (a) Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually. The motion passes 5-0.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

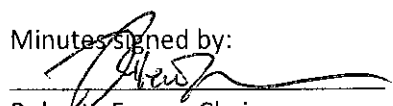
Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Selectman Williams seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

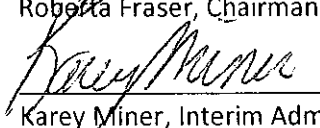
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Interim Administrator

Minutes approved by the board on:

Minutes signed by:


Roberta Fraser, Chairman


Karey Miner, Interim Administrator